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Web Portals to Track Missing/Found Children
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Will the Minister of WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

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a) whether the Government has set up web portals to track missing and found children in the country and is so; the details thereof;
b) the number of website hits so far indicating the number of missing children reported and uploaded on the web portals, along with the number of children tracked so far with their help, State/UT-wise;
c) the identified reasons behind the cases of missing children along with the number of cases registered and accused arrested/convicted during each of the last three years and the current year;
d) whether the Government allocates adequate funds for the maintenance of such portals and if so, the funds allocated and utilised for the purpose during the said period; and
e) the further measures taken by the Government in coordination with the other Ministries/Departments and States/UTs to track missing children and to popularize the web portals and engage senior citizens in campaign?

Answer

MINISTER OF WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT
(SHRIMATI MANEKA SANJAY GANDHI)

(a): The Ministry of Women and Child Development has developed web portals "TrackChild" and "Khoya-Paya" to track the missing and found children. The Khoya-Paya has been integrated as citizen corner on TrackChild portal.
(b): The number of website hits reported on TrackChild portal from January, 2012 to Ferurary, 2016 (till date) are 10,98,27,835. The details of the number of missing children reported and uploaded on the portals along with number of children tracked so far with their help, State/UT wise is at Annexure-I & II respectively.

(c): As per National Crime Records Bureau (NCRB) the details of the number of the cases reported, persons arrested/convicted is at Annexure-III. Some of the reasons behind the cases of missing children could be kidnapping, abduction, trafficking, illegal adoption, run away children, due to natural calamities.
(d): The Ministry had launched TrackChild portal in the year 2011-12 and Khoya-Paya in June 2015, since than approximately Rs.311 lakhs have been released to National Informatics Centre(NIC) /National Informatics Centre Services Incorporated (NICSI) & others. There is a provision of yearly budget of Rs.250 lakhs under the Integrated Child Protection Scheme(ICPS) for TrackChild.
(e): The Ministry has been implementing these portals in association with various stakeholders including Ministry of Home Affairs (MHA), Ministry of Railways, State Governments/UT Administrations, Child Welfare Committees, Juvenile Justice Boards, National Legal Services Authority, etc. Further Ministry is also collobarating with Ministry of Railways to rescue and rehabilitate children in difficult circumstances who come in contact with Railways by setting up child help desks at platforms,so far they have been formed at 20 major stations. The Ministry has also been organizing conferences/consultations from time to time at National and Regional levels for further sensitizing the stakeholders concerned.

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